

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AMBASSADOR KIM SOOK AND AM-
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AITIMOVA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two diplomats, Security Council Ambassador Kim Sook and Ambassador Byrganym Aitimova, the Permanent Representatives of Korea and Kazakhstan both of whom are ending their terms representing their respective countries at the United Nations.

On September 16, 2013 I attended a special farewell reception and dinner in their honor hosted by my dear friends Ranju Batra, Chair of the Diwali Stamp Project and former president of the Association of Indians in America NY, and Ravi Batra, an accomplished attorney, Chairman & CEO of Greenstar Global Energy Corporation and Chair of the National Advisory Council on South Asian Affairs. It was attended by numerous UN Ambassadors, and members of the judiciary and local elected officials.

Ambassador Kim has a long and honorable record of serving his country overseas. Among his many postings, we have been fortunate to have Ambassador Kim represent South Korea in the United States. Throughout his career he has worked to keep the US-South Korean alliance strong, enhance our alliance's public diplomacy, and maintain peace and security on the Korean Peninsula. Since May 2011 he has served as South Korea's ambassador to the United Nations and I am sad to see his term come to an end. I wish him and his family all the best. I would also like to wish Ambassador Kim a happy birthday, which he celebrated on September 19th.

Ambassador Aitimova also has a long and distinguished career of serving her country. She has taken important leadership roles at the United Nations including serving as Vice-President of the Executive Board of UNICEF and as a board member of UN WOMEN. She has served as Kazakhstan's ambassador to Italy and Israel. Her public service at home has included serving as Deputy Prime Minister, the Minister for Education and Science; and of Youth Affairs, Tourism and Sport. She also served as the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee of Youth Affairs and Senator of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan. She is ending her tour as the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to return home and once again serve her country as a Senator. I congratulate her on her distinguished career and wish her all the best.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
EUGENIE MOORE BEAL

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2013

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and honor the achievements of Genie Beal whom I was honored to represent in the House. Genie Beal lived 92 years with grace and purpose. Her Memorial Service will be held, fittingly, in the Arnold Arboretum on September 26th. She was an urban environmentalist and untiring in her commitment to a principle important to me: city dwellers need to see and experience Nature. Loving the earth does not mean only cherishing wilderness. City parks must be made and maintained and, if necessary, fought for politically. Genie Beal was a pragmatic visionary, engaged and astute, and above all persistent. Her tact and charm served her well, and everyone who worked with her knew that her silken manners cloaked steely determination. My friend, Mayor Tom Menino, eulogized her as "the mother of green space in the City of Boston."

Eugenie Beal was born to privilege in New York, grew up in Westchester County, and travelled widely in Europe even before she entered Radcliffe College. She spoke French and German well enough to qualify for a Harvard graduate seminar on linguistics. She was thus permitted to enter the stacks of Widener Library, then closed to Radcliffe "girls," to carry out her philological researches. Her college years gave her an abiding love of Boston and she eventually settled in Massachusetts.

She was active in the League of Women Voters which she encouraged to champion environmental causes. She convinced Mayor Kevin White that Boston needed a Conservation Commission, and in 1970 became its Chair. For the next forty years, her energy animated virtually all efforts to preserve open space: she served as the first director of the city's Environmental Department and on the Central Artery Completion Task Force, co-founded the Boston Natural Areas Network, and helped create the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

Today, I join with all my constituents to honor her as we reflect on the difference she has made in our surroundings, and, thus, in our lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 23, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on September 17, 2013, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 460, "yea" on Rollcall 461, and "yea" on Rollcall 462.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
RESOLUTION, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.J. Res. 59, which makes continuing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014, because it continues the devastating cuts to education set in motion by the sequester and permanently defunds the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

H.J. Res. 59 locks in the damaging sequester cuts through December 15 and even sets funding slightly below the current, post-sequestration level.

It is long past time for Congress to reverse course from the austerity approach that included slashing education across-the-board by 5 percent this year—the equivalent of cutting nearly all education programs and Head Start by roughly \$3 billion.

We need to end the sequester now by passing H.R. 900, the "End Sequestration Now Act," of which I am an original co-sponsor.

Madam Speaker, the level of cuts imposed by sequestration have already taken federal funding back to pre-2004 levels while our nation's schools are serving nearly 6 million more students since that time.

Madam Speaker, to ensure equity for all students, Congress must reverse this course.

To date, a disproportionate share of sequester cuts have impacted higher-poverty communities and therefore, students most in need—57,000 children have already lost critical seats in Head Start classes, schools served by Impact Aid have already seen drastic reductions in funding, and additional harmful impacts are beginning to be felt in classrooms as the school year begins.

Many of these school districts and their students rely heavily on federal resources for education funding; some even up to 50 percent of their total revenue.

Madam Speaker, Americans have suffered long enough from the adverse impact of sequestration that House Republicans to seek to continue with resolution. The damage has been great and continues to get worse with each passing day the Republicans refuse to work across the aisle to reach agreement on a budget plan that is balanced and sensible.

Consider the damage inflicted or to be inflicted on the American people by sequestration:

EDUCATION

Teachers and staff for the 23 million students in high-poverty schools would be reduced by up to 47,000.

Education services for 6 million students with disabilities would be curtailed.

NATIONAL AND LOCAL SECURITY

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program would be eliminated, resulting in 1,400 fewer police officers on the street.

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